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SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITION

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1. UPON RETURN FROM REPRESENTING GOSL AT OAU SUMMIT,
PRIME MINISTER C.A. KAMARA-TAYLOR TOLD FREETOWN PRESS THAT
HE HAD PRESENTED FOLLOWING PROPOSAL AT OAU SUMMIT:

(1) THAT OAU CALL UPON THOSE STATES WHICH HAVE
RECOGNIZED THE MPGA TO EXPLOIT THE GOODWILL WHICH THEY
HAVE SECURED FROM THAT ADMINISTRATION, TO GET ITS LEADER
TO SEE THE NEED FOR RECONCILIATION;

(2) THAT THE OAU CALL UPON THOSE WHO HAVE INFLUENCE
ON UNITA AND FLNA TO IMPRESS UPON THEM ALSO THE NEED FOR
RECONCILIATION;

(3) THAT THE OAU IMPRESS UPON ALL PARTIES--FNLA, MPLA
AND UNITA--THE NEED TO CHECK ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION;

(4) THAT THE OAU CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE TO
BE SUPERVISED BY THE ORGANIZATION;

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(5) THAT A DELEGATION BE DESPATCHED TO THE USA,
WESTERN EUROPE, CHINA, USSR AND CUBA TO APPRAISE THEM
OF OUR DECISION WITH AN APPEAL FOR RESTRAINT.

2. FOR ADDIS: WAS GOSL PROPOSAL MADE IN SPEECH
FORM OR RESOLUTION FORM AND WHAT REACTION IF ANY WAS
OBSERVED?

3. FOLLOWING POSITIVE EDITORIAL APPEARED IN GOVERNMENT
OWNED DAILY MAIL JANUARY 17:
QUOTE SIERRA LEONE'S STAND ON ANGOLA DESERVES TO BE
COMMENDED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION
THE GREAT DAMAGE THE THORNY QUESTION HAS DONE TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU).

BY STANDING STEADFASTLY BEHIND THE OAU POSITION
THAT ALL THREE WARRING NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA
SHOULD FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY TO GUIDE THE
DESTINY OF THE COUNTRY, SIERRA LEONE HAS PROVED BEYOND
ANY DOUBT THAT AFRICA MUST COME FIRST.

AS A PAPER WE REJOICE THAT SIERRA LEONE IS ONE OF
22 AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF THE 46 WHICH HAVE TOTAL FAITH
IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
MR. C.W. KAMARA TAYLOR WHO REPRESENTED SIERRA LEONE
AT THE SPECIAL SUMMIT ON ANGOLA IN ADDIS ABABA SHOULD
BE PRAISED FOR THE GREAT ROLE HE PLAYED IN ENSURING
THE SURVIVAL OF THE OAU.

PRACTICALLY THERE WOULD STILL BE AN OAU TODAY
EVEN IF THE POLICY OF NO RECOGNITION FOR ANY ONE
PARTY IN ANGOLA HAD FAILED TO GAIN ENOUGH VOTES.

BUT IN THEORY THE OAU WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED
HOPELESS AND EVEN VIRTUALLY EXTINCT IF THE MPLA HAD
BEEN GIVEN THE MANDATE TO RULE ANGOLA WITHOUT THE
FNLA AND UNITA.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A TRAGEDY IF THE MPLA HAD BEEN
GRANTED RECOGNITION BECAUSE THAT WOULD RATHER HAVE
INSENSIFIED WHAT COULD THEN BE CALLED A LEGITIMATE
STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

BEHIND THE SCENES MR. KAMARA-TAYLOR AND HIS
DELEGATION COULD BE SEEN MOVING TIRELESSLY TO GET MANY
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AND EVEN BIGGER MEMBERS OF THE OAU TO VOTE FOR UNITY
IN ANGOLA AND AFRICA.

SMALL COUNTRIES LIKE SIERRA LEONE INDEED HAVE A
MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN AFRICAN AND WORLDWIDE POLITICS IN
SECURING PEACE.

IT IS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT THAT DEADLOCKED THOUGH
THE SUMMIT IN ADDIS ABABA, SIERRA LEONE DID NOT BACK
THE WRONG HORSE.

AT LEAST SIERRA LEONE LIKE ALL OTHER COUNTRIES
WHICH VOTED FOR THE OAU POSITION LEFT ADDIS HOLDING
THEIR HEADS HIGH THAT THEY HAD DONE MOTHER AFRICA
HER DUE SERVICE AND THAT DESPITE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY
AND SENTIMENT, UNITY IN ANGOLA IS SYNONYMOUS WITH
THE AIMS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR WHICH THE OAU
WAS FOUNDED.

LONG LIVE ANGOLA* LONG LIVE SIERRA LEONE* LONG
LIVE THE OAU* END QUOTE.
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